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WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK FRAUD

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Hung Le**, 32, West Covina, California, was sentenced on February 2, 2004, by U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten **to fifty-one months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$33,200 in restitution.**

Melgren said that Le entered a guilty plea on November 19, 2003, to two counts of bank fraud.

Melgren stated that Le admitted at his plea that from January 11, 2002, through June 10, 2003, he was involved in a scheme to defraud Bank of America of money belonging to Bank of America customers. Le admitted that as a part of this scheme he would present a false California Driver's license and a fake credit card both in the name of a Bank of America customer to Bank of America and withdraw, or attempt to withdraw, money from the other customers' bank accounts. Le further admitted that on August 7, 2002, he entered the Bank of America in Liberal, Kansas, and the Bank of America in Garden City, Kansas, and each time identified himself as another Bank of America customer, presented the bank with a false California driver's license with his photograph in the name of the other customer, and a withdrawal slip in the name of this other customer. Le admitted that he withdrew \$4,700 from the account of this other customer in Liberal, Kansas, and \$4,700 from the account of this other customer in Garden City, Kansas. Le also admitted that he withdrew or attempted to withdraw money from the accounts of other Bank of America customers in Maryland, Florida, Virginia, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee and Kansas.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the U.S. Secret Service in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger in this prosecution.